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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Honorable Ken Calvert
United States House of Representatives
1034 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-0543

Dear Congressman Calvert:

Thank you for your letter of September 20, 1995, on behalf of your constituent, Wallace M. Eastman, regarding Apple Computer, Inc.'s ("Apple") petition for rulemaking, which requests an allocation of spectrum to provide unlicensed communications services. Mr. Eastman expresses support for Apple's proposal. I would like to take this opportunity to give you a status report on this proposal and a related rulemaking.

On May 15, 1995, the Wireless Information Networks Forum ("WINForum") filed a Petition for Rulemaking (RM-8648), requesting that 250 megahertz of spectrum at 5.1 - 5.35 GHz be allocated for a new high-speed, high-bandwidth, unlicensed radio service, or Shared Unlicensed PERSONAL Radio Network ("SUPERNet"). According to WINForum, SUPERNet is designed to allow wireless access to the full range of data communications capabilities now being deployed in landline networks to support multimedia and other resource-intensive applications.

On May 24, 1995, Apple filed a Petition for Rulemaking (RM-8653), requesting that 300 megahertz of spectrum at 5.15 - 5.30 GHz and 5.725 - 5.875 GHz be allocated for a new high-speed, high-bandwidth, unlicensed radio service. Apple contends that this allocation ("the NII Band") would promote full development of a National Information Infrastructure by making possible high-bandwidth access and interaction throughout a limited geographic area, where mobility is key, and by providing as well for a wireless element of "community networks" serving a larger area.

Honorable Ken Calvert

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Please note that we have placed your correspondence in the docket for the Apple and WINForum petitions (RM-8653 and RM-8648) and assure you that your constituent's letter will be considered before the Commission makes a determination in this proceeding. Thank you for your interest in this matter. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Richard M. Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "R" at the beginning.

Richard M. Smith

Chief

Office of Engineering and Technology

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Mr. Reed Hundt, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Hundt:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Your investigation of the statements contained therein would be helpful. In addition, I would greatly appreciate any information necessary to make a satisfactory reply to my constituent.

Please send a written response to the attention of my Capitol Hill staff member, Nelson Garcia, at the address listed below:

Representative Ken Calvert
1034 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Thank you for your cooperation in this regard. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest opportunity.

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Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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WALLACE M. EASTMAN
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September 12, 1995

Representative George E. Brown
2300 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Brown

The Federal Communications Commission has petition RM8653, which would set aside a very small portion of the communication band width for private, non-commercial access to the Internet, under consideration at this time. I want you to support the enactment of this petition.

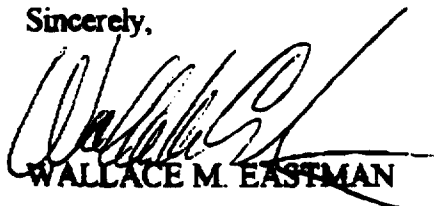
It is very important to the American way to set aside some portion of the communication band width for private use. This is the same thing as having the Citizens Band (CB) in the radio world. This small slice that is not very highly regulated provides access by the common individual. This small slice is free from commercial fees. This small slice would provide direct access to government documents and records without requiring a fee to some commercial provider. This small slice is necessary to assure that everyone has access to information.

Today access to the Internet costs from \$20 - \$30 per month plus an hourly charge. This prices many Americans out of the Internet. This way there will always be some small non-commercial access to the rapidly growing Internet. If an information provider on the Internet wants to charge for their services, the access would still be paid for by the private individual, but access to the broader Internet would be without commercial charge. The individual would have to buy a transmitter/receiver, but that would be a one time charge.

This private non-commercial access would also provide an incentive to the commercial side to keep their charges reasonable, since individuals could always by pass them if their rates got out of hand. This would provide that everyone is a winner all around.

Please support FCC petition RM8653, and insure that it becomes part of what ever law is passed to allocate the communications band width.

Sincerely,


WALLACE M. EASTMAN

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